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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Ambassador John Eisenhower's Visit to CRS

1. On 6 September the DDI,  and I briefed Ambassador John Eisenhower for about two hours on information processing and document control in Central Reference Service. The briefing emphasized that part of the CRS system relevant to compliance with the portion of the NSC Directive on Executive Order 11652 that calls for a Data Index for documents of historical interest. An agenda is attached.

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2. The Ambassador noted several times in the course of our discussions that he regards the entire E.O. 11652 affair as primarily a public relations effort. He said that he had advised the President that there could not be any decline in the number of classified documents held by the Government of the United States for some years to come and that expectations of a rapid decline in such holdings are unrealistic. His remarks, particularly in relation to his father's files in the Abilene Library, clearly indicated that he understands both the problem of protection of intelligence sources and methods and the problem of the disclosure of appraisals and appreciations on foreign governments and personalities. His unsolicited comments on the need for exemptions for automatic downgrading suggested rather strongly that he would be suprised if the Agency found automatic declassification possible on any significant scale. In this regard, he said that

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working papers would be particularly inappropriate for automatic declassification or downgrading. In a discussion of the periodic reports required from the Data Index by the NSC Directive, the Ambassador was quite clear in disavowing any desire for large quantities of paper.

3. I suggest that any serious problems experienced by the Agency as a result of E.O. 11652 should be handled with Ambassador Eisenhower himself. His attitude is very different from that of his subordinates on the NSC Staff. David Young, the secretary of the Ambassador's committee, and Charles Joyce, an NSC Staff systems analyst, would, in my opinion, consider these remarks close to treasonable.



Director, Central Reference Service

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Attachment:  
Agenda

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

*Ben  
Felt  
2/14/72*

Attached is a Memorandum for the Record on John Eisenhower's visit here last week. Copies have been sent to Colby, Coffey, Duckett, Karamessines, Broe, Houston, and

[Redacted]

The memo does not include anything regarding your conversation with Eisenhower. I think that is proper because the only unique thing he told you should not be spread around.

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Ed Proctor

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John Eisenhower  
Mr. Proctor

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6 September 1972

Room 2E60

2E60	1400	General explanation of document handling. History of AEGIS. Role of CRS in Agency data processing. Plans to implement E.O. 11652 Data Index.
--	1440	Walk-through
GE0433	1445	Camera room for microform
GD76	1455	CRS Computer Room
1E61	1510	Document Storage Room
1H1114	1515	RSM
1H39	1530	WH Division - indexing and page reader forms
1H19	1545	C/ISG <input type="checkbox"/> - printouts

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